

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. India

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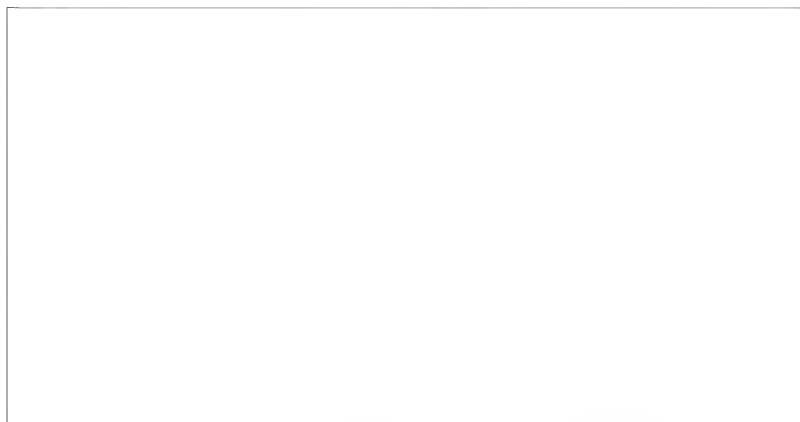
2. Indonesia

a. Indonesian Communists are making strong bid for cabinet membership. Party Chairman Aidit on Tuesday dropped an implied threat that continued exclusion from the government could lead to civil war.

b. We read this statement as an attempt to play on Sukarno's pre-occupation with national "unity." Also, the Communists have probably heard that Sukarno is toying with plans for a cabinet reshuffle soon.

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3. Cuba



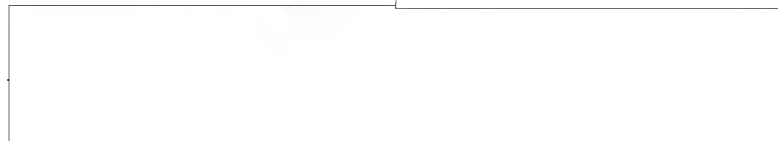
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c. The Soviets are having trouble sticking to the schedule for their TU-114 turboprop Moscow-Murmansk-Havana air route.

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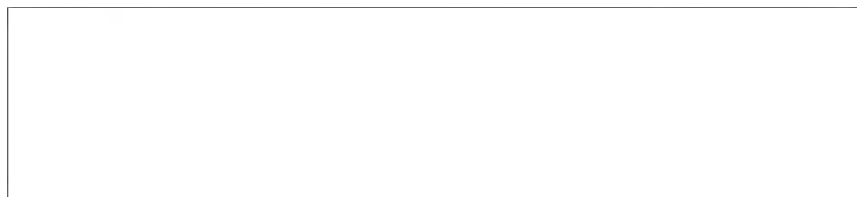


4. Yemen

a. Yemeni leaders are telling US Chargé Stookey that the UAR military presence is already being reduced, with only 8,000 Egyptian troops remaining.

b. Our information does not support this claim.

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5. Congo

a. Tshombé was back in Elisabethville last night, subject only to the UN curfew. He was to return today to the UN column, which was thirty miles from Sakania last night, but we have no recent word.

b.

Tshombé has sent instructions to Kolwezi forbidding further destruction there. He told the press UN entry into Kolwezi can be "negotiated."

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c. The press corps came away from the interview feeling that Tshombé had learned little from recent experience and is busy trying to push things back as far as possible toward the status quo ante.

d. UN "probing and edging" operations toward Kolwezi are meeting with little resistance.

6. India-Pakistan

a. In talking to our embassy about the next round of talks--scheduled to open in New Delhi on Wednesday--Indian officials are bearish on the prospects (as are the Pakistanis).

b. The Indians are very doubtful about the seriousness of Pakistani intentions and fear the Pakistanis will stall by propagandizing and reviewing history (the Pakistanis probably would say the same about the Indians).

c. They also say the US should impress on the Pakistanis the need for "realism," i.e., not to aim to achieve too much in the way of an agreement. Adding it all up, however, Galbraith concludes that, in the process of exploring ways for keeping the talks going, a little more "give" has entered the Indian position.

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- C. Jordan We hear that an officer group--disenchanted with the present policy on support for Yemeni royalists--is planning to assassinate King Husayn. The regime

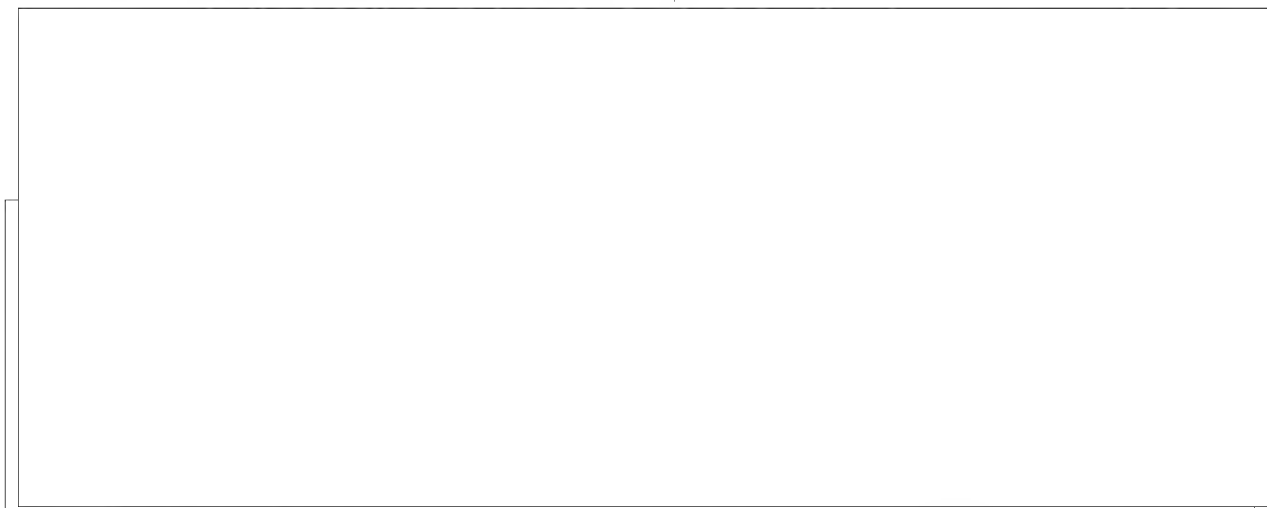
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- D. Chinese Nationalists Taipei is attempting to make a paper victory out of the recent Communist announcement that nine Nationalist guerrilla teams had been rolled up. Government spokesmen claim the nine were but a small part of an operation which has dealt the Communists "serious blows," created "great unrest" and sent morale to an "unprecedented low."

E. USSR [redacted] a new medium tank, the T-62, which may soon be going to Soviet units. It has a smooth-bore gun with an armor penetration capability far superior to that of the gun on the present medium tank, the T-55.

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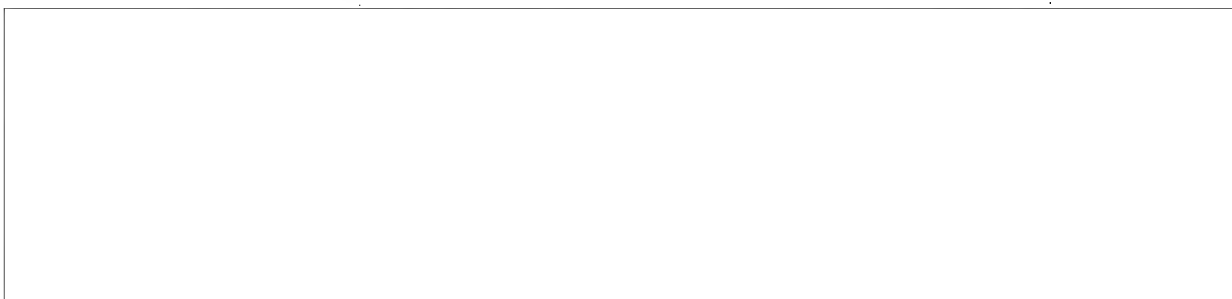
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H. East Germany For a week the East German army has been engaged in an extensive field exercise. Almost the northern half of East Germany has been barred to Allied liaison missions until midnight Sunday to keep them from watching it. The extent of the activity, [redacted] is unusual for this season, but we think the East Germans may only be trying to make up for training time they lost during the Cuban crisis. [redacted]

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